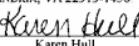


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The following amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding office action mailed July 19, 2006. This amendment is timely filed because it is submitted with a request for a one month extension of time and the required fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

This Amendment includes:

1. Amendments to the Claims (pages 2-6)
2. Remarks (pages 7-10)
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